

**EXTRAORDINARY LICENSING COMMITTEE held at 11.00 am at
COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 19 APRIL
2010**

Present:- Councillor E W Hicks – Chairman
Councillors J E Hudson, D J Morson and D G Perry.

Officers in attendance:- M Hardy (Licensing Officer), M Perry (Assistant
Chief Executive) and C Roberts (Democratic Services
Officer)

LC74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D J Morson declared an interest in so far as he recognised the driver as someone he knew socially through the church.

The Assistant Chief Executive advised Councillor Morson that he could remain a part of the Panel for the hearing unless he thought a member of the public, knowing the connection between the Councillor Morson and the driver, might think the Councillor's judgement might be affected by that connection, in which case Councillor Morson should withdraw from the meeting. The decision regarding public perception was one to be taken by Councillor Morson alone.

Councillor Morson decided that it would be right to withdraw from the Panel on this occasion.

The Chairman of the Committee welcomed the remaining Members of the Panel.

LC75 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the Committee considered its decision on the grounds that the consideration involved exempt information within the meaning of s.100 I and paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

**LC76 DETERMINATION WHETHER OR NOT TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A
PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Members of the Panel and officers introduced themselves to the driver and his companion John Street who was a representative of a relevant Union.

The Assistant Chief Executive explained the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

In answer to a question from the Licensing Officer the driver confirmed that he had received the papers for the hearing.

The Committee considered the report presented by the Licensing Officer setting out the circumstances of the case.

In answer to a question the driver agreed that he had failed to notify the Council of a caution within the stipulated seven days. The Union representative said on the driver's behalf that the driver had thought only points penalties needed reporting.

He also submitted a letter relevant to the driver's character.

In answer to a question from a Member the driver confirmed that he was aware of matters which would be disclosed by an enhanced CRB check.

The Licensing Officer, the driver and the driver's companion withdrew from the room and the Panel of Members began to consider their decision at 11.30 am.

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The Panel of Members recalled the Licensing Officer to the meeting at about 12.24 pm and the Chairman read the decision of the Committee.

The Committee was not satisfied that the driver was a fit and proper person to hold a licence and his private hire vehicle driver's licence was therefore revoked.

The Assistant Chief Executive advised him as to his rights of appeal.

The meeting ended at 12.39 pm.